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Remarks

As a preliminary matter, a telephone conversation occurred on August 5, 2003 between the Examiner and the representative for the Applicants, Robin A. Sannes. The Examiner requested that Ms. Sannes elect between Group I and Group II, and Ms. Sannes elected Group II.

Claims 10-15, 17, 18, and 23-26 are pending in the patent application and have been rejected. Claims 1, 2, 21, and 22 have been withdrawn as being directed to a non-elected invention, and claims 3-9, 16, 19-20 were canceled in a Preliminary Amendment. The present Amendment cancels claims 11-14, 17-18, and 24-26, and claims 10, 15, and 23 are remaining as pending.

As required, the title has been amended to be more clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

Claim 23 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention because the recitation at line 16 "communication with said inlet" is not clear. Claim 23 has been amended to recite "communication with said water inlet and said product inlet" to clarify the claim.

Claim 10 has been amended to recite a product pouch containing product that is operatively connected to the dispensing gun and the inlet of the aspirator, which is neither taught nor suggested by the references of record. Therefore, favorable consideration of this amended claim is respectfully requested.

Claim 15 depends upon claim 10 and recites a second product pouch containing a second product that is operatively connected to the dispensing gun and a second inlet of a second aspirator. This is also neither taught nor suggested by the references of record. Therefore, favorable consideration of this amended claim is respectfully requested.

Claim 23 has been amended to recite that the product supply is attached to the dispensing gun, which is neither taught nor suggested by the references of record. Therefore, favorable consideration of this amended claim is respectfully requested.

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Favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner would like to discuss this matter, the Examiner is welcome to contact the undersigned representative for the Applicants.

Respectfully submitted,

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